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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

July 13, 1982 ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Declassify: ☐ In Part ☐ In Full

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Declassify on \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Honorable Reynaldo Bignone  
President  
Republic of Argentina  
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Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

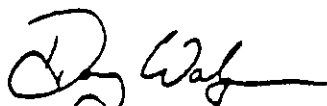
Dear Mr. President:

This morning we were distressed to learn that the distinguished physicist, Jose Westerkamp, was arrested without charge this past Saturday, July 10, in the Province of Chubut in southern Argentina.

We want to join the world scientific community in expressing deep concern about Dr. Westerkamp's health, safety, and freedom. To hold this man -- or any citizen -- without formal charges, family visitations, and incommunicado, violates basic human rights and is an affront to all civilized people.

Mr. President, we want to urge you to do whatever you can to guarantee the health and safety of Dr. Westerkamp and to secure his prompt release.

Sincerely,



DOUG WALGREN  
Member of Congress



MARGARET HECKLER  
Member of Congress